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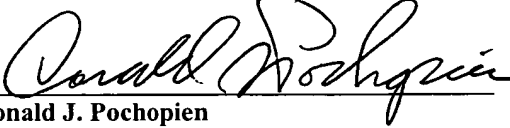
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 07/07/03, for which a response was due 10/07/03, now extended two (2) months to 12/07/03, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the following amendments to the specification and the claims in addition to considering the Applicants' election of invention.

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